



Easy ways to make your home a tough target for burglars

Did you know there are products available that allow you to use your smart phone to lock your door, close your garage door or see who just rang your doorbell? These are just a few items that are changing the home security landscape.

The police department does not endorse any particular product, but we do recommend evaluating your home from time to time, looking for ways to make it unattractive to would-be thieves.

Some tips:

- Leave outside lights on and trim overgrown shrubs near the house; criminals prefer to work where they are less likely to be seen.
- Install quality deadbolt lock sets.
- Use timers on lights/radios when going out of town, also have someone pick up mail/newspapers, put out the trash can, etc. Make it look like someone is home.
- Don't put the box for your new big screen TV out next to the trash, it advertises what's inside your home.
- Make sure your overhead garage door is closed, even if you are just in the backyard. It only takes a moment for something to disappear.



The Coon Rapids Police Department, Fire Department and City Staff are teaming up with the Special Olympics to participate in the 2016 Polar Plunge. Participants will jump into the frigid water of Crooked Lake to raise money for Special Olympics!

Come support the "Rapid Responders!"

Event Date: Saturday, February 27

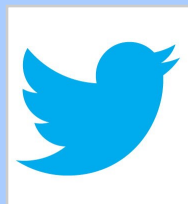
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Crooked Lake Park, 13180 Crooked Lake Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

To read more or support the "plungers" go to www.plungemn.org and search for Anoka County

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January Crime Stats

Robbery	3
Residential Burglary	9
Business Burglary	4
Theft from Vehicle	27
Theft of Mail	3
Vehicle Theft	3